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Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action of December 30, 2003. Claims 26-41 and 43-50 were pending in the application. Restriction to claims 26-41 and 43-46 or claims 47-50 has been required under 35 USC 121. Applicant herein elects claims 26-41 and 43-46 and withdraws claims 47-50.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.